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SUBJ: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ANNUAL MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR AKE WIHTOL, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE WILL HEAD FINLAND'S 3-MAN DELEGATION TO THE ADM BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S KUALA LUMPUR MEETING APRIL 25-27. HE IS FINLAND'S GOVERNOR OF ADB. ANOTHER DELEGATE WILL BE MR. ERO ASP, DEPUTY GOVERNOR, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF FINLAND'S EXPORT CREDIT BANK. THIRD DELEGATION MEMBER WILL BE MR. ANTTI HYNNINEN, A CHIEF OF SECTION IN THE DIVISION FOR MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN WIHTOL'S DEPARTMENT.

2. WIHTOL SAID FINLAND HAD NOT YET PREPARED PAPER IT WOULD PRESENT AT MEETING, BUT HE SAID FINLAND DID NOT EXPECT TO RAISE ANY MAJOR ISSUES EITHER IN PLENARY SESSION, WITH ADB OFFICIALS OR WITH US DELEGATION
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BILATERALLY.

3. HE DID SAY THAT FINLAND'S MAIN CONCERNS REMAIN CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS AND PROCUREMENT PRACTICES. HE IMPLIED APPROVAL OF DOWNGRADING SUCH "RELATIVELY WELL OFF" L.D.C.'S AS TAIWAN AND SOUTH KOREA AS RECIPIENTS. HE SAID THAT AT LAST SOME PROCUREMENT WAS OCCURING IN FINLAND AND SAID THIS WAS LONG OVERDUE AND PROBABLY THE RESULT OF FINNISH LOBBYING FOR PROJECTS IN THE WOOD PRODUCTS FIELD.

4. WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATION FOR MATTERS US DELEGATION SHOULD RAISE WITH FINNS. WIHTOL ASKED NAMES OF US DELEGATES AND REMARKED IT WAS ALWAYS PLEASANT AND USEFUL TO SEE THEM AT ADB BOARD MEETINGS. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ABOUT US DELEGATION TO PASS ON TO WIHTOL.
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